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## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFÉTY AND HEALTH

SUBJECT:

Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 851 (10 CFR 851),

"Worker Safety and Health Program" (Rule), Overview

With the publication of 10 CFR 851, all Department of Energy (DOE) contractors will be required to develop an approved Safety and Health Program that describes how they will comply with the requirements of the Rule. Federal DOE management will be responsible for reviewing and approving the contractors plans. To assist the DOE Federal and contractor community in implementation of the new Rule, the Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) will be offering a series of workshops to present DOE expectations for Rule implementation.

Prior to holding these workshops, EH would like to offer you and your Federal staff a chance to meet with the safety, health, and enforcement management and staff who will be responsible for the Rule. These meetings will provide an excellent opportunity to answer questions about the Rule and for EH to receive input from your staff with respect to issues of interest in developing the upcoming workshops. To better accommodate your field office staff, these meetings will take place using televideo. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NA) has already scheduled a meeting with its NA-3.6 and NA-10 organizations to discuss the new Rule and have invited representatives from EH to attend and answer questions regarding the Rule.

If you would like to participate in one of these televideo meetings, please have your office contact Dr. Bill McArthur in the Office of Worker Protection Policy and Programs to set up the best time to meet with you and your staff. Dr. McArthur can be reached on 301-903-9674 or by electronic mail at bill.mcarthur@eh.doe.gov.

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